AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

defining alert filter criteria;

identifying an alert condition;

analyzing ~~one or more properties of~~ the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis comprises:** ~~comprise:~~

        determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

        determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition ~~, the determination~~ based at least in part on the **urgency level and the severity level** ~~analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition~~; and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the alert condition is associated with an object; ~~and~~

the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** an importance level associated with the object**; and**

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the importance level.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises identifying a potential alert condition.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein**:**

the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** a level of risk associated with **the** ~~a potential~~ alert condition**; and**

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6.   **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7.   **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8.   **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining alert filter criteria;

an alert condition detector for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;

an alert condition filter for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

> an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and
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> a severity level associated with an alert condition;
>
> and

an alert notification module for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein:

at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and

the alert filter criteria further comprises an importance level associated with the object.

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a potential alert condition.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with an alert condition.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with an alert condition.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16.   **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

means for maintaining alert filter criteria;

means for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;

means for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and

a severity level associated with an alert condition;

and

means for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

18. **(Previously Presented)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to:

define alert filter criteria;

identify an alert condition;

analyze one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determine whether to report the alert condition, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition; and

selectively report the alert condition.

19.   (New) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

defining alert filter criteria;

identifying an alert condition;

analyzing the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the analysis comprises:

determining an importance level corresponding to an object associated with the alert condition; and

determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition based at least in part on the importance level and the severity level; and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

20.   (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the urgency level.

21.   (New) The method of claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining a level of risk associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.